

Docket No. 22188/06465

**DECLARATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the first, original and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR WELDING DUPLEX STAINLESS STEEL

the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto,
☒ was filed on June 23, 2000, as PCT Appln. No. PCT/US0017414.
☐ and was amended on _____.
- (if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

PCT/US00/17414
(Number)

WO
(Country)

23 June 2000,
(Day/Month/Year)

 X Yes No

We hereby claim the benefit of United States priority under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims

of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial #)

(Filing Date)

(Status)

We hereby claim the benefit of United States priority under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

60/150,738 —
(Provisional Application No.)

August 25, 1999 —
(Filing Date)

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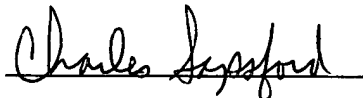
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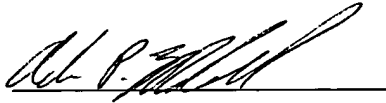
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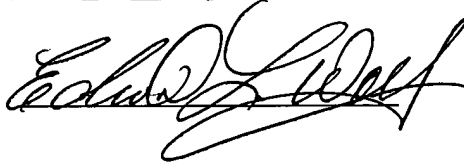
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